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COUNCIL RE-ESTABLISHES FULL-TIME EXEC.

George Beazley Accepts Post

George G. Beazley, Jr., minister of First Christian Church, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, for more than thirteen years, will become the executive secretary of the Council on Christian Unity on December 1. Mr. Beazley succeeds Dr. George Walker Buckner, and Dr. Robert Tobias, executive and associate executive secretaries, respectively.

A native of Danville, Kentucky, Mr. Beazley received his A.B. degree from Centre College in Danville. He attended The College of the Bible in Lexington, Kentucky, where he received his B.D. degree in 1938. He has taken further work in the graduate schools of the University of Missouri, the University of Chicago, and Union Theological Seminary. For fourteen years he has been a member of the American School of Oriental Research.

Mr. Beazley has held only two pastorates since his student days. He was for eight years minister at Richmond, Missouri. His ministry in Bartlesville, which began in July, 1947, has been especially fruitful. The 1,458 additions in the period have resulted in a net gain in church membership of over 77 per cent. The total budget has quadrupled in these years and the church has come to be widely known for its development of a program of advanced adult education.

The Council's executive secretary-elect has had an active part in the life of his city and state and in the work of the brotherhood of Disciples of Christ. A former member of the board of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, he is at present vice-president of the Oklahoma Christian Missionary Society, and of the Oklahoma Christian Home. He has had part in the work of the Council on Christian Unity through its Department of Ecumenical Study.

Mr. Beazley was married in 1939 to Charlotte Strother Holman of Lexington, Kentucky. Mrs. Beazley holds an A.B. degree from Transylvania College and an M.A. in political science from the University of Kentucky. She has been active in the work of the local church and of the United Church Women and the Y.W.C.A.

With the coming of Mr. Beazley, the Council will have a full-time executive secretary for the first time since Feb. 1, 1931, when Henry Clare Armstrong gave up the post to return to the pastorate. Dr. Armstrong served for a time on a voluntary basis in connection with his ministry at Anderson, Indiana, and was followed by Dr. Buckner, who has filled the position for the past nineteen and a half years on a voluntary basis.

From July 1, 1954, to September 15, 1959, Professor Robert Tobias of Christian Theological Seminary was the Council's associate executive secretary, giving at first a third and later half of his time to the work. In the past year Dr. Tobias has continued, apart from his full-time professorship at the seminary, to give time to the work of the Council, with special attention to the Department of Ecumenical Study.

Through the past years the work of the Council has expanded to such a point that it has become necessary to maintain a full time executive secretary, so that the work of the Council can continue its mission.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE PROJECTS IN WEEK OF COMPASSION

Ecumenical service projects totaling $209,750 have been recommended by the Department of Ecumenical Service for inclusion in the 1961 Week of Compassion offering. The proposed projects have come out of consultation with World Council staff and representatives of churches in the areas concerned. Further information about the projects will be included in Week of Compassion materials now being prepared. Dr. Virgil Sly is director, and Dr. Spencer Austin is chairman of the Department.

World Council of Churches

Central Budget (to supplement local gifts)	$10,000.00
Ecumenical Institute and Unity Projects	7,000.00
Youth Department Projects	3,000.00
Division of Studies (for Rapid Social Change study and publication)	6,000.00
Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees (projects include refugee service, youth work camps, literature and medicines, ecumenical scholarships, and Geneva staff and travel)	55,000.00
East Asia Christian Council	3,800.00
Total World Council of Churches	$84,800.00

European Churches

Poland (relief for church workers)	$ 1,000.00
East Germany (health service supplies)	2,000.00
Portugal (primary day school)	1,450.00
France (services of CIMADE)	1,000.00
(resident center at Montpellier)	1,500.00
Italy (Protestant college at Torre Pellice, children's home at Rapolla Potenza, and Italian ecumenical team at Fabina)	4,500.00
Austria (provision of old peoples ward at Evangelical Hospital, Waiern)	1,000.00
Hungary (general needs and education)	1,000.00
Total European Churches	$13,450.00

Near East, Orthodox and Ancient Churches

Greece (church rebuilding, youth, training)	$10,000.00
Greek Team	2,000.00
Yugoslavia (relief for theological students)	6,000.00
Finland (Orthodox Folk High School)	2,000.00
Orthodox in France (applied to the St. Sergius Theological Institute)	1,000.00
Near East (relief, training Orthodox and Coptic leaders)	6,000.00
Egypt	1,500.00
Turkey (children's summer health, and training program)	1,000.00
Total Near East, Orthodox and Ancient Churches	$29,500.00

Asia and Africa

Burma (farming project in Pa'an)	$ 3,000.00
Ceylon (school for mentally retarded)	2,000.00
Hong Kong (student work and self help program)	10,000.00
India (development at Nazareth, India)	5,000.00
Japan (Midnight Mission)	3,000.00
Malaya and Singapore (training workers for new villages)	2,000.00
Pakistan—East (agricultural rehabilitation)	5,000.00
Pakistan—West (tuberculosis cure, control program)	5,000.00
Algeria (Tunis)	2,000.00
Nigeria (student chapel at University)	5,000.00
North Rhodesia (conference training and research center)	7,500.00
Ecumenical Team Committee (ecumenical team program, All-African)	1,000.00
Uganda (rebuilding home for student nurses)	6,500.00
Total Asia and Africa	$57,000.00

Disciple Fraternal Workers

Harry Partin (Geneva, ecumenical studies)	$
James Wyker (East Pakiston, rural rehabilitation)	
William J. Nottingham (France, associate director of CIMADE)	
Total Disciple Fraternal Workers	$25,000.00

Church World Service, U.S.A.

General Administration	$ 6,500.00
Share Our Surplus	49,440.00
Scholarship Exchange	5,000.00
Asia and Non-Europe	65,000.00
Europe	5,000.00
Material Aid	18,000.00
Immigration	14,910.00
Promotion	5,500.00
Total Church World Service, USA	$169,350.00

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